

Friday

Dear Allan,

You and your damned map! What a headache you wished off on me! Oh, well.

I have already sent you:

Most of a series of National Geographic Society maps, with lengthy texts, several of which show parts of what you want-in fact, are, for the areas shown, what I believe you want. You see, you neglected to give me any details and I neglected to ask for them.

A whole big and beautiful book of maps-in Russian(more below).

A Russian geography, illustrated, but in English.

A pamphlet on the resources of the USSR.

Two maps, in four sections, in French, giving approximately what you want.

~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ The book of maps and the book must be returned, with a letter of thanks, to Russian Division, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Department of Commerce, Room 3414, Commerce Bldg., Wash. D.C., attention Mr. Repes. The letter should be addressed to this accomodating gentleman who owns neither! He was very nice. The pamphlet should be returned to me because I promised to return it to the Soviet Embassy. You have bought the French maps. You can keep the Nat. Geog. stuff, and the e is more I'm using I'll send along later.

I have spent 9 hours on this stuff, not counting God knows how many telephone calls from here at home. This is the best this town has to offer. I have been everywhere-Library of Congress. Embassy, Govt depts., many and various individuals and offices where such should be available. I have come to the conclusion, which doesn't kept you at the moment, that the Soviet Union prints the most beautiful maps printed anywhere, but doesn't print any maps people can use.

The big maps I sent you today are economic maps. They will require a translator, but only for a brief time. That is, once the subject matter of the map - each deals with a different resource or industry - is indicated on the map, no further translation will be necessary. The maps are completely accurate, in so far as they go. I have also checked additional information that would be included were the maps drafted today, and the only significant additions are the following: Almost without exception expansion is at the old location under the previous 5-year plan. In other words, the density would be greater, or the symbol larger.

In the case of oil refineries there are these large new ones: in the Urals, at Ufa(right) and slightly to the west of the Urals, at Saratov (right), both "very considerable" in size. Aluminum-already in operation (but whether or not completely finished I can't discover) at Kamensk is what will be the largest aluminum plant in the USSR. Nickel-in the Kola peninsula(adjacent to Finland in and around Monchegorsk, is a new operation, rapidly expanding. The USSR claims there is as much aluminum in this area as on the other side of the Finnish border (International Nickel's operations). This is up near Murmansk.

Incidentally, I heard a story from one of the govt people, who said he couldn't vouch for its accuracy. It goes like this. Stalin called the boys together and said "We have everything we want and need. Go find it." They have.

Well, the book and these maps might give you everything you want. However, there are the "ranch maps, the only maps later than 1925 at the Library of Congress, which I think might interest you. By the time I finally got them I was too worn out to read them carefully. They should be in the mail in the morning. They couldn't photostat them today, but will in the am. They are going airmail special. The Nat. Geog. maps are self explanatory, or at least I can't add anything. They are, I'm told by the Nat. Geographic. very accurate.

There are many places in New York you might get what you want. Some that I have been referred to besides those you can think of with no trouble are the American Russian Institute, which has maps in English; Soviet Russia today. Something or other Continents Book Corp., 28th & Fifth.; Tass. At the Tass office you can get the use of the maps I'm about to refer to. If you should conceivably want a translator in NY you can get one at the Amer-Rus. Institute.

The first volume of a tremendous world atlas has been published in 17 colors by the USSR book trust. It's a tremendous thing. I went over it with a fellow at the Russ. Emb., who recommends the following numbers for the information (the numbers being those of the maps): 99-minerals; 105-Urals; 130-2-electrification and coal; fuel, chemicals, 133-4; machine tools and other stuff, 133-40; light industry, 142; food, 143-4; agriculture, 145-6. This big volume is known as "Big Soviet Atlas of the World" (Translation official). It is a truly magnificent job, but in addition to the fact that you undoubtedly can't get one in Phila it would take a week or so to do the job from it-that much detail.

In case you need to make reference to them I have gotten an opinion, not for quotation, from the Commerce Dept. as to the reliability of the Dean of Canterbury's statistics. They stack up, and insofar as information for checking is available here, the figures are okay.

That's all on the maps. I hope you'll get what you want from all this stuff.

Saw Sabath today (also have done a little more checking up on the general subject but without sensational findings) who is still very busy but who

told me to get the stuff for him and he'd go after them, to quote him. Evidently he has begun to realize what was done with him. I gave him a copy of the R&H statement that was in the Bristol papers and he said he'd read it. He instructed his secretary to get a copy of the transcript of my testimony and then to give it to me so I could go over it over night and mark the places for him to read, thus I can save him some time because he is quite busy. The sec. promised to call me when he gets it.

Coffee got the runaround from Kramer who told him they'd talk about it after this bill is over-that is, the one they are now working on.

Otherwise, nothing. Oh yes. McNulty's friend is sick and won't be in until Monday. Also, I haven't got the copies of the magazine I'll need to do what you want me to try and do, which won't be so easy in view of some of the recent developments. Also, I haven't got copies of the letters sent on this subject.

In the expenses list below there is included a map of Asia which is pretty good. It is just a plain map. I got it for the Jap story, but if you need it let me know and I'll send it up fast.

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| Photostats  | \$1.20                    |
| map         | .75                       |
| phones      | .35                       |
| cabs        | 1.75                      |
| time(\$hrs) | 11.25                     |
| postage     | .71                       |
|             | <hr/> 16.01 make it even. |

Also, I believe I will be able to get a translator to call you on Monday on the chance you will need such services.

Yours

Harold